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Dear Municipal Alliance Representative:

The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is pleased to inform you of the scheduling of an additional training on April 13, 2013 to prepare your Municipal Alliance for the upcoming 2014-2017 grant cycle. This training has been added to accommodate those municipal representatives that were not able to attend their scheduled training **due to the inclement weather forecasted for March 6 and 7** or missed the original four trainings due to a scheduling conflict. Please note that the trainings scheduled for March 6 and 7 will still be held, and those who previously registered and are able to safely travel are still welcome to attend.

In addition to the original trainings scheduled for February 26 and 28, and March 6 and 7, a training has been added for **Saturday April 13, 2013, 10:00am-1:00pm, at the Trenton Marriott Downtown, 1 West Lafayette St, Trenton, NJ, 08608**. Breakfast will be served and free parking will be provided.

[Link to Map and Directions to Trenton Marriot](#)

A link to register for the April 13<sup>th</sup> training has been provided on the GCADA website at [www.gcada.nj.gov](http://www.gcada.nj.gov). **Please note that if you previously registered for the March 7 or March 8 training dates, you must re-register for the April 13<sup>th</sup> training.** We apologize for the inconvenience this requirement to re-register may cause you.

These trainings are intended to prepare Municipal Alliances to conduct a needs assessment process, build capacity, and plan activities which incorporate environmental change strategies into your local community drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. The Governor's Council is collaborating with The Institute for Prevention, Barnabas Health Behavioral Health Network, to present these important trainings. They will outline the needs assessment process and capacity building efforts. They will also ensure consistent and effective planning efforts which will help to inform local, county and state government planning processes of needs found in communities throughout New Jersey. A second round of trainings will be provided at a later date to train the Municipal Alliances on the 2014-2017 grant cycle application process. A Municipal Alliance representative will be required to attend both trainings in order to be eligible for funding.

The Council looks forward to your attendance and participation in the upcoming planning process for the 2014-2017 grant cycle.

Sincerely,

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